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For : CLONING OF VERTEBRATE PHEROMONE RECEPTORS
AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification: /

On page 1, please delete the paragraph on lines 6-9 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Serial No. 08/731,745, filed October 18, 1996, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/005,698, filed October 19, 1995, the contents of both of which are incorporated by reference into the subject application.--

On page 19, line 15, please add the following three paragraphs:

--This invention provides an isolated nucleic acid comprising consecutive nucleotides encoding a vertebrate pheromone receptor protein, wherein the receptor protein comprises seven transmembrane domains and is further characterized by at least one of the following characteristics:

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